

The new Metropolitan Methodist Church in Washington, was dedicated on the 28th of February. Bishop Simpson preached the dedicatory sermon in the forenoon. It was estimated that there were at least two thousand persons in and about the church edifice, among them General Grant and family. The enterprise was commenced about sixteen years ago, by nine gentlemen in Washington, and has been carried to completion by the voluntary contributions of the denomination throughout the United States. The work was suspended during the war, as it was a national work. When entirely completed, it will have cost \$250,000. About \$60,000 is still to be raised to pay off indebtedness, and to furnish the church. It has a magnificent organ, the gift of Carlos Pierce, Esq., of Boston. Rev. W. Morley Punshon delivered a most eloquent discourse in the afternoon. It was a singular coincidence that Bishop Simpson and Mr. Punshon had both, with no consultation upon the subject, selected the same text. In the evening Rev. Dr. Eddy of Chicago, preached to an immense congregation, and the amount subscribed at the services almost reaches the sum needed to cancel the debt. Much offence is stated to have been given by the manner in which contributions were really forced out of people at this dedication; several gentlemen, who had been intending to give from \$200 to \$500 each, refusing to give anything, to mark their disapprobation of the proceedings. Gen. Grant gave \$500, on condition that no use be made of the fact on that occasion.

LAY REPRESENTATION IN THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.—Next June the entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal church, above the age of twenty-one, will vote upon the question of lay delegation. Last summer, the General Conference received numerous petitions in favor of the movement, and matured a plan by which laymen might participate in the councils and government of the church. The vote of the majority of the membership is necessary to its final adoption, which can be consummated by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the General Conference in 1872. The measure is already adopted by Southern Methodists, and will probably succeed.

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### THE LABRADOR MISSION.

Many of your readers are aware that through the self-denying labours of Rev. C. C. Carpenter, aided by the Canada Foreign Missionary Society, an interesting mission was established on the coast of Labrador. Since the above Society ceased to meet, this mission has been managed by a small committee in this city, composed of gentlemen of several denominations. Finding that it cannot be satisfactorily carried forward on such a basis, they summoned a meeting of subscribers by inserting due notice in the public journals. At that meeting they received authority to offer the mission to each of several bodies of Christians, and amongst others to us. I wrote to the Colonial Missionary Society on the subject and received for answer a statement of their inability to undertake it, but suggesting that we on this side might raise a special fund for its support, to which they would cheerfully make a small grant from time to time. There is some valuable property belonging to the mission. A neat Church building, a Mission House on Caribon Island for summer residence and service when the people are fishing and the fishing vessels are near. Another Mission House at the Esquimax River, the winter settlement, where the Church is. It so occurs that the male and female missionaries now there are Congregationalists. It would cost from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per annum to maintain it. There is a debt of \$1,000 which they